



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Administrator received an application to modify a Phase-2 Mercury Operating Permit to Construct from the following applicant:

Barrick, Cortez, Inc.  
Pipeline Mill HC66, Box 1250  
Crescent Valley, NV 89821-1250

The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the operating permit that, in brief, affects the following sources at Barrick Cortez, Inc.: two mercury retorts; and two refinery induction furnaces.

The existing Phase-2 Mercury Operating Permit to Construct activities include monitoring, recordkeeping, annual stack testing for mercury emissions, annual emissions reporting, annual mercury co-product reporting, limits of operation and work practice standards which minimize emissions of mercury to the atmosphere. The modification being proposed establishes additional limitations of operation, and clarifies testing requirements during the performance demonstration period for System 3: Pipeline Refinery Induction Furnaces and Retorts.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS and the NAC, the Administrator is hereby announcing her intent to issue the Phase-2 Mercury Operating Permit to Construct based on review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft operating permit is available for public inspection at:

BATTLE MOUNTAIN BRANCH LIBRARY, 625 SOUTH BROAD STREET,  
BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NV 89820

Persons wishing to comment upon the tentative determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls should submit their comments or request in writing either in person or by mail or fax within thirty (30) days to:

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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by requesting in writing at the above address. Written comments or objections, will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until March 08, 2012 and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Phase-2 Mercury Operating Permit to Construct.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.